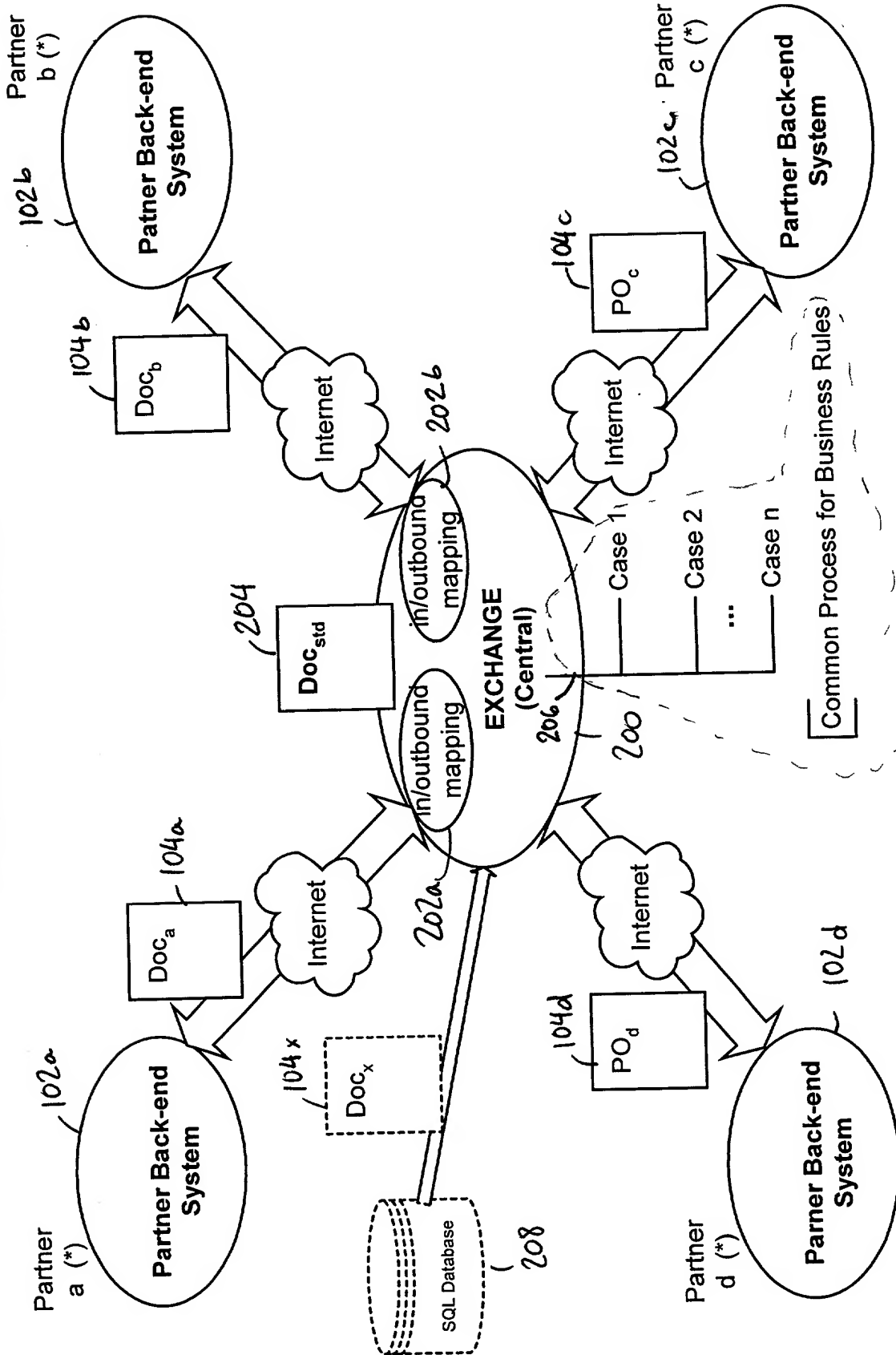


Fig. 1
(prior art)

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a document exchange system. The system includes a central EXCHANGE (Central) 200, which is connected to four Partner Back-end Systems (102a, 102b, 102c, 102d) via Internet connections. Each Partner Back-end System is associated with a document (104a, 104b, 104c, 104d) and a processing unit (POa, POc, POd). The central EXCHANGE (Central) 200 also includes a SQL Database 208 and a Common Process for Business Rules 200. The system is designed to facilitate document exchange between the central EXCHANGE (Central) 200 and the Partner Back-end Systems.



(*) Each partner may have its own EXCHANGE that communicates with Central EXCHANGE

FIG. 2

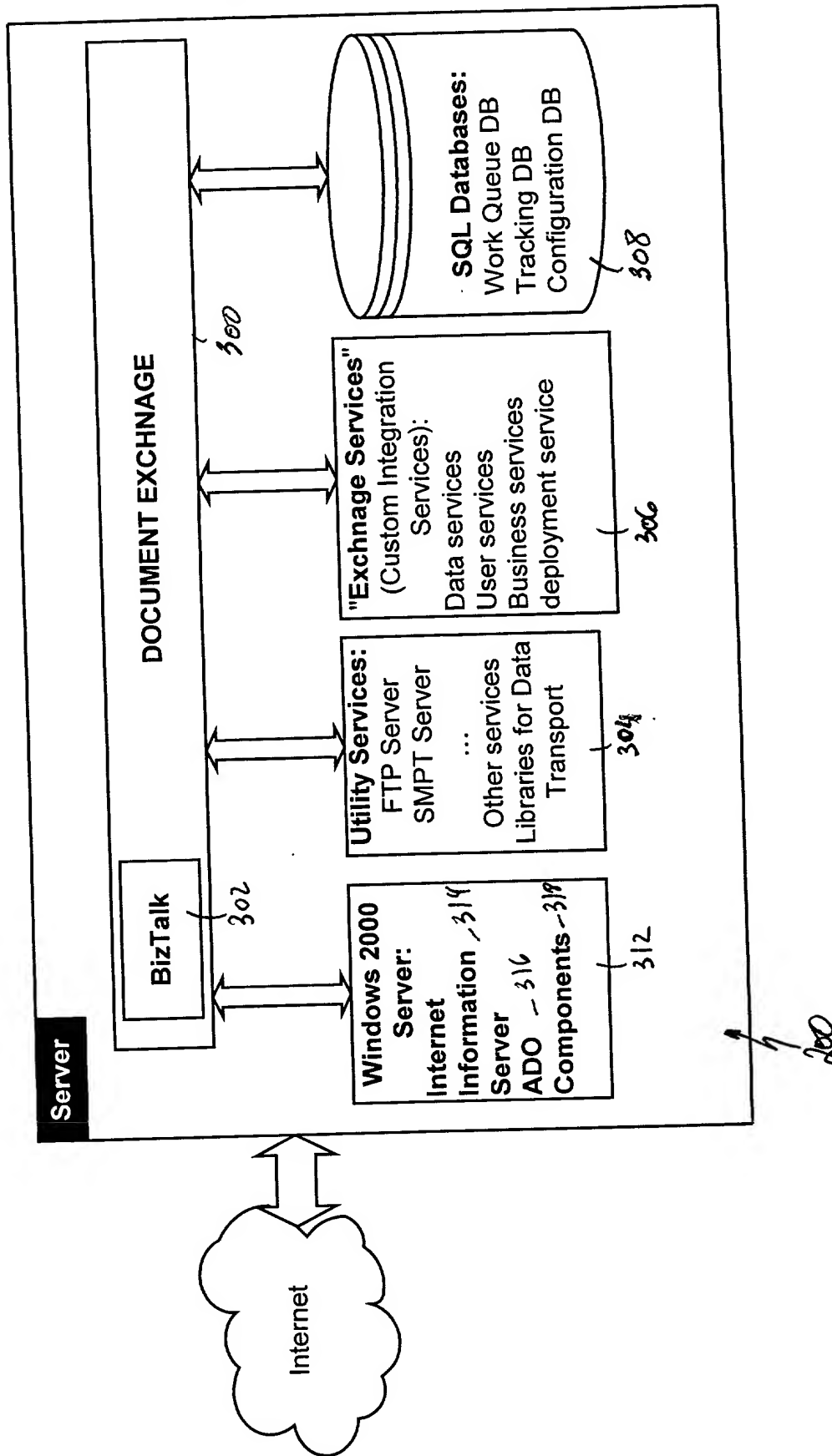


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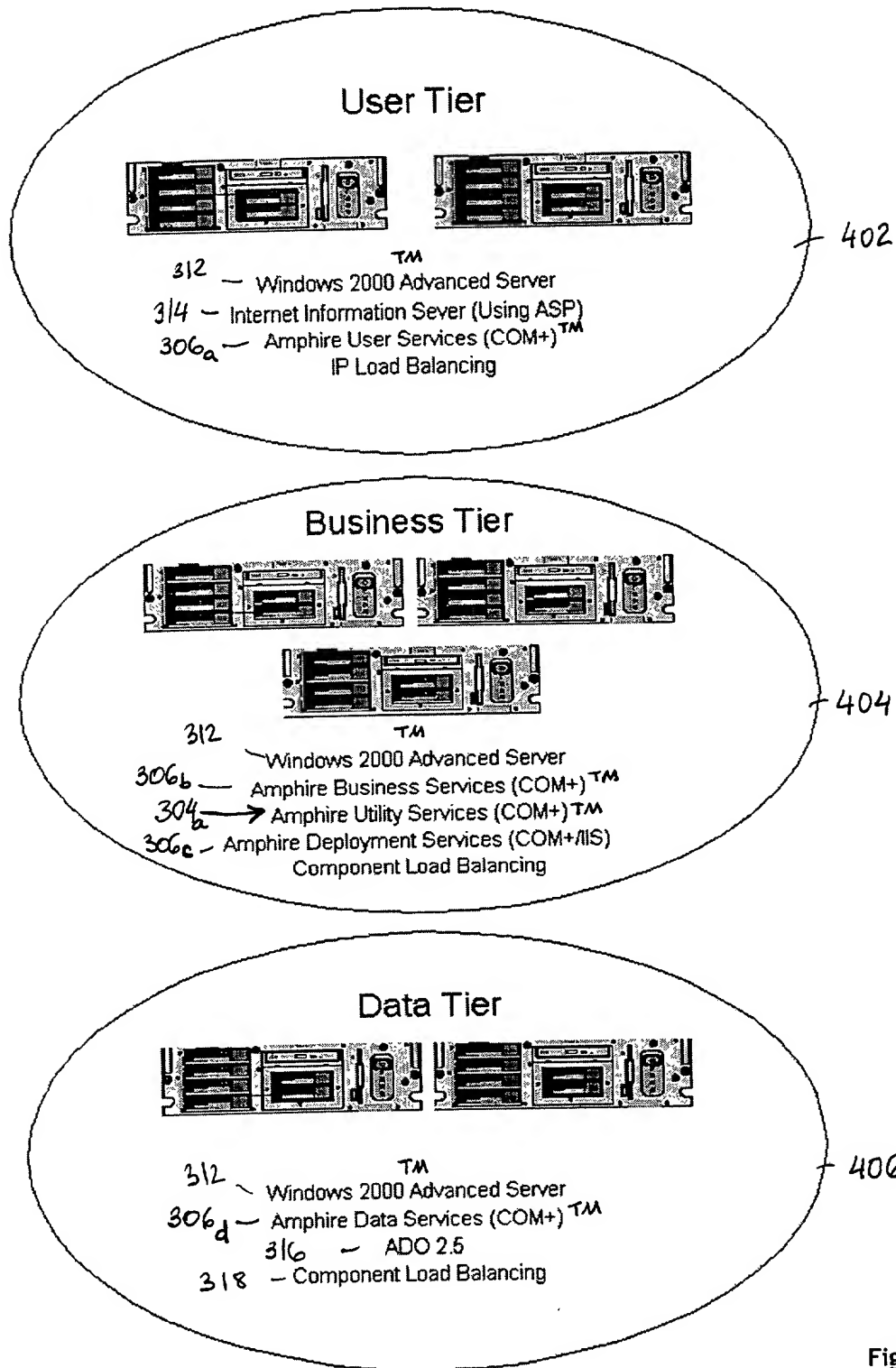
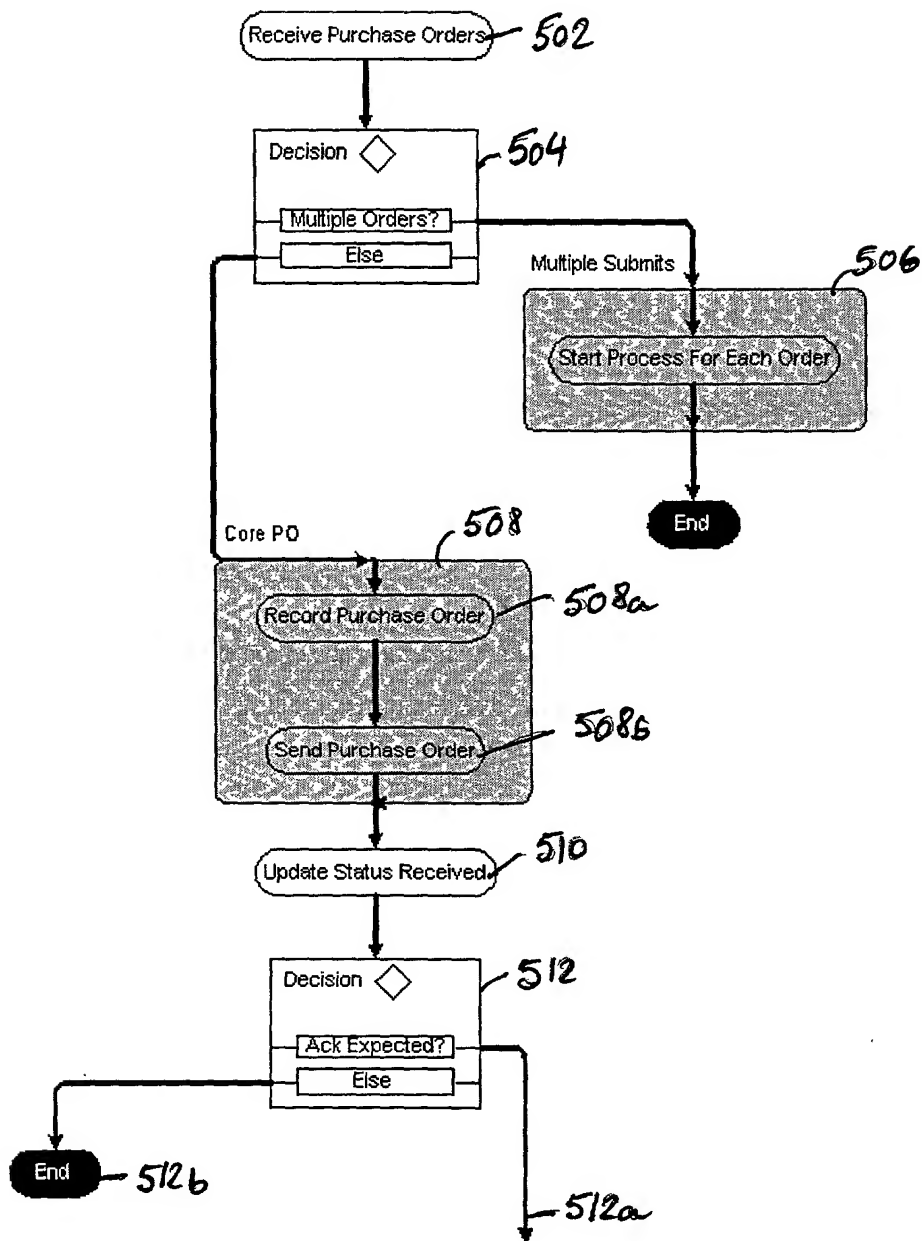


Figure 4.



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Fig. 5A

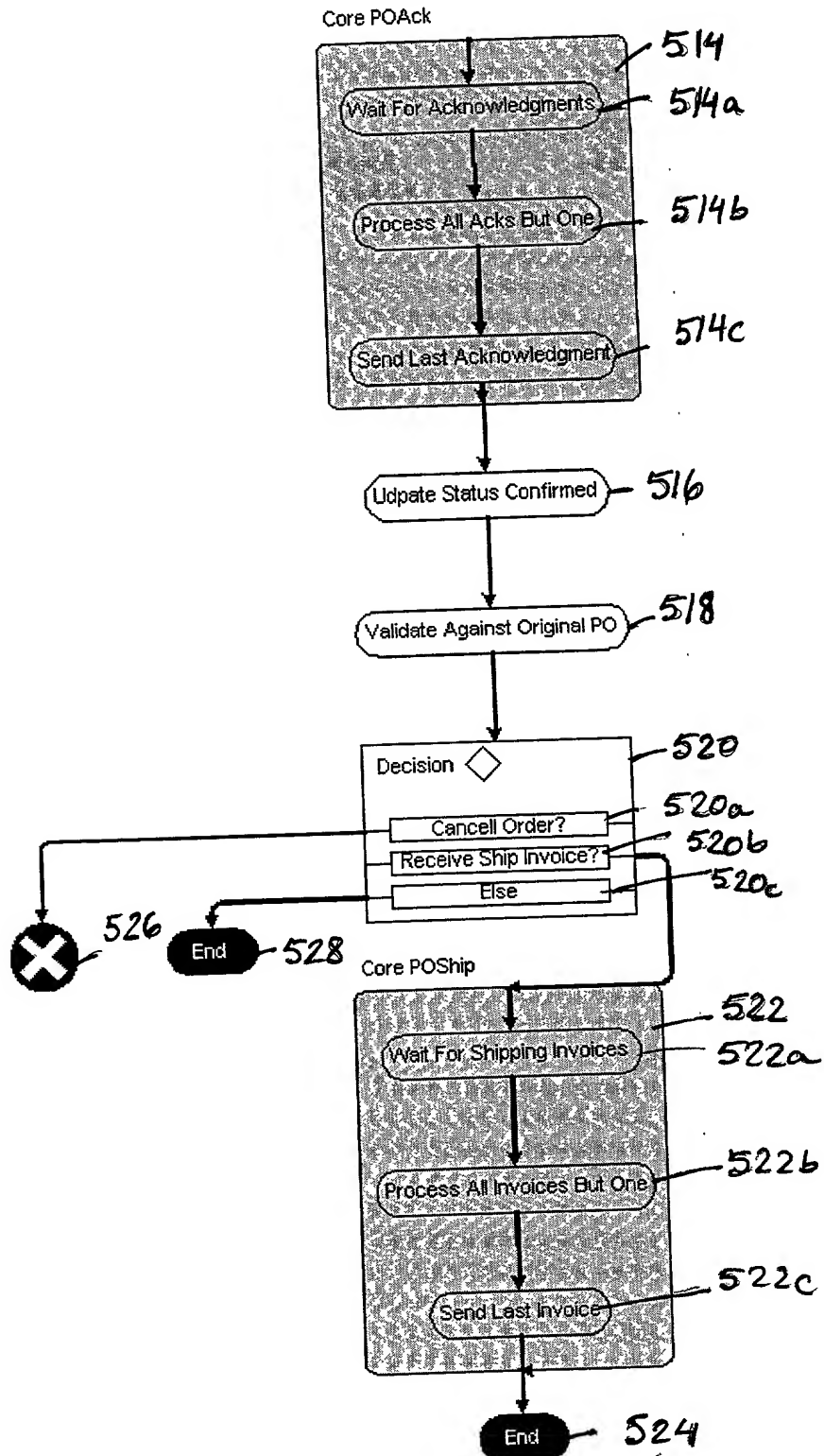


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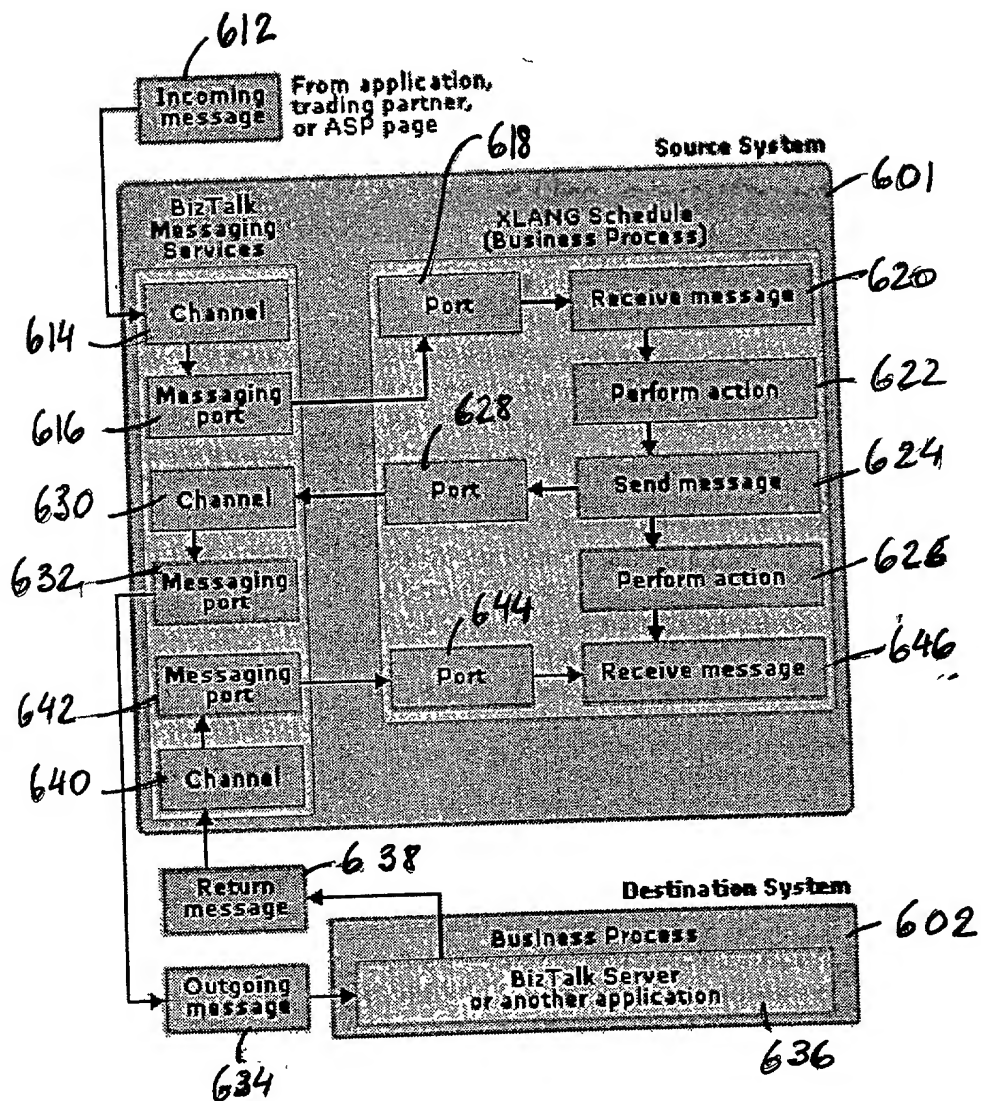


Fig. 6